

FRENCH IXDO-CHINA

the only labour contract is that of
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all payments advances in kind, not money. Even
this form is very
to absentee officials farming their rice-fields,
is so firmly Ingrained in the Khmer character that
no
OE is strong enough to hold them if they feel
moved to
which occurs when they have earned enough money for
immediate
The of an *itat* increases the difficulty of
punishing
the Khmers, who positively enjoy going to prison*
Vagrancy is a
habit; decamp when the soil around them
has become
Nature by her lavish abundance has taught the
Khmers to
be improvident. Gaming is another factor; in a single
night they often
a year's earnings.
There requisitioned and penal labour^
which is amply
by French officials alike, but which is also
notori-
Seasonal labour from June to January is the
at very scarce. Salaries are paid almost
exclusively
in faddy. Labour in payment of debts is customary
„ though impossible
to at Its just proportion, and since the skve
can never wort
off the of Ms debt* Ms servitude continues for life.
Such labour
is to the master's household, and is one
way of getting
the problem in Cambodia. Khmer pride is often
hurt in
to the European, and this increases his natural
In brief, it is extremely difficult to get Cambodiaa
to it. There is an instructive and
tak told **of** an Frenchman who, on a model
phikathropic
a to entertain Ms workers. They were so
left their work to listen all day to the
forced to retire from the enterprise,
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